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Dear Sir:

The Applicant submits the following response to the Examiner's First (non-final) Office Action, mailed on January 21, 2004. This Response is submitted along with the following items:

- 1. Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/21), with Certificate of Transmission by facsimile, 37 CFR 1.8; and
- 2. Response

Respectfully submitted,

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#### 1. Election

Applicant provisionally elects to proceed with the species the Examiner identified by reference to Figure 9. See January 21, 2004 Office Action Summary, at p. 2.

The claims reading on the elected species are: 1, 4 through 7, and 11 through 15.

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